# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Production of Jackfruit
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the production of jackfruit in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the jackfruit has a lot of medicinal properties and also has enormous potential for processing into various value-added products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to promote
the production and processing of jackfruit in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The details of the production Jackfruit in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is at Annexure-I.

(b): Yes, Madam, jack fruit has a lot of medicinal properties. The Indian Ayurvedic Medicine uses this fruit for its anti bacterial, anti inflammatory, anti diabetic nature, as an anti oxidant, constipation etc. There is considerable potential for processing of Jack fruit into various value added products like nectar, Jam, Pickle, Chips, etc. It can also be canned.

(c): Steps taken by the Government to increase the Country's production of jackfruit are as under:

â€¢ A Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely: Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), is being implemented during XII Plan w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering all the

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horticulture crops including jackfruit. The Mission envisages production and productivity improvement of horticulture crops including jackfruit, through coverage of area with improved cultivars, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, including insitu generation of organic inputs. Capacity buildings of farmers and technicians is also provided for adopting improved technologies.

Steps taken by the Government to promote the processing of jackfruit are as under:

â€¢ Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme − National Mission on Food Processing (CSS-NMFP) through State/UT Governments during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) w.e.f. 01.04.2012 to promote food processing sector through the States and UT Governments. In view of increased devolution of funds to the States based on recommendations of 14th Finance Commission, CSS-NMFP was de-linked from GoI support three years after its inception.

â€¢ Further, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has proposed to implement a central sector scheme for "Creation/Expansion of Food Processing Industries & Preservation capacities" shortly. Under the Scheme, financial assistance will be provided for setting up of food processing industries which may include processing centres and fruits processing units, for processing of fruits including jackfruit.

â€¢ In addition, the Government has also created a special fund of Rs.2000 crore with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for providing affordable credit to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing units in designated Food Parks notified by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.